**Building Your Argument for the Socratic Seminar**

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*This worksheet will help guide you on building a textual evidence-based, effective, and well thought-out argument. Follow the instructions and fill out the spaces to create a strong argument for the seminar.*

**1. The question you are answering:**

*Here is the DBQ: Can non-violent protest successfully bring about political change?*

**2. What is your argument?**

*Do you agree with the DBQ, or do you disagree? Please describe where you stand:*

*\*Remember that your argument does not have to* ***only*** *agree or disagree—you can partially agree/disagree as well!* ***Just make sure you are clear about where you stand, and why.***

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**3. Collecting textual evidence:**

*Pull together from your sources any quotes and evidence from the readings that will support your statement in #2.*

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| **Textual Evidence Quote:** | **What source does this evidence come from?** | **Reason(s) why this quote supports your argument:** |
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Ex. 1. My argument: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. What text quote/piece of evidence I’m using: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. How does this evidence support your argument? : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**6. Space for notes**

*As other people talk and share their arguments, you may want to* ***address their points*** *or* ***counter their arguments.*** *Use this space below to write those notes down so you don’t forget!*